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Gov. Perdue Reappoints Thigpen to N.C. Court of Appeals

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today reappointed Judge Cressie Thigpen to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He fills the position vacated by Barbara Jackson upon her election last November to the state Supreme Court.

"I am pleased to reappoint Judge Thigpen to the Court of Appeals," Perdue said. "He's earned the respect of his colleagues at the court and his distinguished career both as a judge and an attorney will continue to be of great benefit to this state."

Judge Thigpen was appointed to the Court of Appeals this past August. Prior to that, he was as a special superior court judge after more than three decades as a litigator in state and federal courts. He was a partner in the law firm now known as Blue, Stephens & Fellers. In addition to his 1999 election as president of the state bar – the first African-American to hold that post, Thigpen was inducted into the N.C. Bar Association General Practice Hall of Fame in 2007.

He has served as chairman of the board of trustees of N.C. Central University, his alma mater, and has also served on the board of trustees for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Judge Thigpen received his bachelor's degree from NCCU in 1968 and his law degree from Rutgers University in 1973.

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